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SMALLPOX MORTALITY IN THE REGISTRATION AREA, 1916-1920.

The Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, announces that there have been very few deaths from smallpox in recent years. Since the beginning of annual compilations in 1900 the highest rate from this cause in the death registration area of the United States was 6.6 per 100,000 population in 1902; in 1903 it was 4.2, and in 1904, 2.1; since which time the rate for the registration area has never reached 1 per 100,000 population. Much higher rates in certain States and cities, however, clearly show that the danger of smallpox in an unvaccinated population must not be lost sight of. The high rate (9.2) in 1920 in Louisiana should serve as a warning.

Deaths and death rates from smallpox in the registration area (exclusive of Hawaii) and in the registration States, 1916-1920.

Area.	Number of deaths.			Rate per 100,000 population.				
	1920	1919	1918	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916
Registration area.....	508	358	339	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Registration States ¹ (1916).....	223	143	256	.3	.2	.4	.2	.1
California.....	9	6	3	.3	.2	.1	.5	.4
Colorado.....	10	5	13	1.1	.5	1.4	.1	.2
Connecticut.....	2	.....	(²)	.9	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Delaware.....	2	.....	(²)	.2	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Florida (total).....	2	.....	(²)	.2	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
White.....	.....	.....	(²)	.....	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Colored.....	2	.....	(²)	.6	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Illinois.....	15	5	15	.2	.1	.2	(²)	(²)
Indiana.....	17	14	22	.6	.5	.8	.5	(²)
Kansas.....	4	1	26	.2	.1	1.5	.4	.2
Kentucky (total).....	21	17	12	.9	.7	.5	.1	.2
White.....	21	15	11	1.0	.7	.5	.1	.2
Colored.....	.....	1	1	.....	.4	.4	.4	.....
Louisiana (total).....	167	175	18	9.2	9.8	1.0	(²)	(²)
White.....	59	26	7	5.3	2.4	.7	(²)	(²)
Colored.....	108	149	11	15.4	21.2	1.6	(²)	(²)
Maine.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.3	.....	.....	.....
Maryland (total).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.1	.....
White.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.1	.....
Colored.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	2	2	1	.1	.1	(³)	.3	.....
Michigan.....	11	10	16	.3	.3	.5	.3	.1
Minnesota.....	17	9	10	.7	.4	.4	.9	(³)
Mississippi (total).....	45	8	(²)	2.5	.4	(²)	(²)	(²)
White.....	24	.....	(²)	2.8	.....	(²)	(²)	(²)
Colored.....	21	8	(²)	2.3	.9	(²)	(²)	(²)
Missouri.....	28	17	83	.8	.5	2.5	.9	.3
Montana.....	2	9	6	.4	1.7	1.1	1.2	.4
Nebraska.....	22	(²)	(²)	1.7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.2
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	(³)	.....	.....
New York (total).....	1	.....	2	(³)	.....	(³)	(³)	(³)
White.....	1	.....	2	(³)	.....	(²)	(³)	(³)
Colored.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina (total).....	28	9	3	1.1	.4	.1	.5	.5
White.....	21	6	2	1.2	.3	.1	.4	.3
Colored.....	7	3	1	.9	.4	.1	.9	1.1
Ohio.....	17	10	22	.3	.2	.4	.2	.1
Oregon.....	10	2	.....	1.3	.3	.....	(²)	(²)
Pennsylvania (total).....	1	1	2	(³)	(³)	(³)	.....	.....
White.....	1	1	1	(³)	(³)	(³)	.....	.....
Colored.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.4	.....	.....

¹ Includes the District of Columbia.

² Not admitted to the registration area until a later date.

³ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Deaths and death rates from smallpox in the registration area (exclusive of Hawaii) and in the registration States, 1916-1920—Continued.

Area.	Number of deaths.			Rate per 100,000 population.				
	1920	1919	1918	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916
Rhode Island.....			1			.2		.2
South Carolina (total).....	2	4	2	.1	.2	.1		.2
White.....	1	2		.1	.2			
Colored.....	1	2	2	.1	.2	.2		.5
Tennessee (total).....	12	15	13	.5	.6	.7	.2	(?)
White.....	9	11	11	.5	.6	.6	.2	(?)
Colored.....	3	4	5	.7	.9	1.1	.2	(?)
Utah.....	13	4	10	2.9	.9	2.3	.9	
Vermont.....								.3
Virginia (total).....	12	9	5	.5	.4	.2	.1	(?)
White.....	9	5	1	.6	.3	.1	.1	.1
Colored.....	3	4	4	.4	.6	.6		
Washington.....	18	8	4	1.3	.6	.3	.1	.1
Wisconsin.....	10	5	12	.4	.2	.5	.1	.1

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CASES OF INFLUENZA REPORTED BY STATES, 1922.

The accompanying table shows, by weeks, the number of cases of influenza reported by State health officers from January 22 to March 25, 1922.

On pages 640-641 of the Public Health Reports for March 17, 1922, appears a table giving the number of cases of influenza reported by State health officers during the first 10 weeks of the years 1920, 1921, and 1922.

The aggregate estimated population of the 28 States and the District of Columbia is approximately 67,200,000.